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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 111 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/57/648 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 56th meeting, on 4 June 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/57/SR.56).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/57/L.96

3. At the 56th meeting, on 4 June, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration" (A/C.5/57/L.96).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/57/L.96 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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Questions deferred for future consideration

The General Assembly decides to defer to its fifty-eighth session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 112
Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/57/35);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda (A/C.5/57/36);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system" (A/57/442);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Support costs related to extrabudgetary activities in organizations of the United Nations system" (A/57/442/Add.1);

(e) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/434 (paras. 5 and 6));

Item 118
Human resources management

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement (A/56/956);

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on possible discrimination due to nationality, race, sex, religion and language in recruitment, promotion and placement (A/56/956/Add.1);

Item 126
Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the field assets control system (A/57/765);

(i) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/776);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on measures that would better streamline the policy guidelines related to the temporary duty assignment of staff in peacekeeping missions (A/57/787);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the establishment and management of mission subsistence allowance rates (A/56/648);

(l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations (A/57/78);

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on reforming the Field Service category of personnel in United Nations peace operations (A/57/78/Add.1);

(n) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/434);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on the participation of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations (A/55/697);

(p) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/55/874, paras. 41-45) and first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/7);

(q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note by the Office of Internal Oversight Services updating the status of its recommendations on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations (A/56/896);

(r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a note by the Office of Internal Oversight Services on a follow-up review of the status of recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations (A/57/622);

(s) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the procurement of goods and services through letters of assist (A/57/718).